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LONDON FOR ARA DAS BUSHNELL

PANAMA FOR ROBERT PASTOR, NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PINS, DR
SUBJECT: REFORMIST PARTY SPOKESMAN RATIONALIZES VICTORY CLAIM

1. SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S REFORMIST PARTY (PR),
HECTOR PEREZ REYES, IN A PUBLICLY TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE
AT 2:30 PM, ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD WON THE
MAY 16 ELECTIONS BY A MARGIN OF 180,000 VOTES, ACCORDING TO
PARTY CALCULATIONS BASED ON 65 TO 70 PERCENT OF VOTES
COUNTED. PEREZ REYES EXPLAINED CALCULATION BASED ON
OFFICIAL COPIES OF VOTE TALLY REPORTS FORWARDED BY PR
POLL WATCHERS.

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2. PR SPOKESMAN GAVE ASSURANCE OF HIS PARTY'S ADHERENCE
TO POPULAR WILL AND ROLE OF CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE).
HOWEVER, PEREZ REYES ALSO ALLEGED THAT BASIS FOR ARMED FORCES
ACTIONS WAS A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM JCE THAT ARMY MAINTAIN ORDER
DURING THE VOTING AND THE VOTE COUNTING PROCESS.

3. HE CLAIMED THAT ARMED FORCES LEARNED THROUGH INTELLIGENCE SERVICES THAT UNNAMED GROUPS INTENDED TO ASSAULT JCE OFFICES WHICH CAUSED REACTION. BUT HE SAID THAT THIS ACTION "WAS NOT ANY TYPE OF INTERVENTION IN THE PROCESS OF THE OFFICE OR IN ITS INTERNAL ACTIVITIES."

4. PEREZ REYES FURTHER CLAIMED JCE SUSPENDED VOTE COUNT MAY 17 ON OWN BECAUSE IT RECOGNIZED THAT ERRORS WERE BEING COMMITTED IN THE TELEVISED READING OF RESULTS AND BECAUSE OF "OTHER GRAVE AND IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS WHICH WERE PROVEN IN THE COURSE OF YESTERDAY."

5. COMMENT: STATEMENT IS FIRST BY REFORMIST PARTY AND APPEARS TO BE COUNTERBALANCE TO PRD CLAIMS OF VICTORY. MORE OMINOUS, HOWEVER, IS INDICATION OF PR DESIRE TO "TOUGH OUT" SITUATION AND PERHAPS TO PREPARE WAY FOR FRAUDULENT OFFICIAL RESULTS WHICH THEY MAY SEEK TO FORCE JCE TO ISSUE. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY US WIRE SERVICE REPORTER REACTION OF DOMINICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS AT CONFERENCE TO PEREZ REYES' STATEMENTS WAS ONE OF INCREDULITY.

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